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**Closure of the Southwest Section of the Kodiak District
to Commercial Tanner Crab Fishing**

Emergency Order 4-S-03-18

All waters of the Southwest Section of the Kodiak District will close to commercial Tanner crab fishing at 5:59 p.m. January 22, 2018. Inseason reports indicate harvest in the Southwest Section is approaching the guideline harvest level (GHL).

All pots must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in waters greater than 25 fathoms in depth for 72 hours after the closure. After 72 hours, all pots must be removed from the water or placed in waters 25 fathoms in depth or less.

The Semidi Island Overlap sections will remain open to commercial Tanner crab fishing until further notice. Vessels operators are required to deliver all crab onboard the vessel prior to changing section registration.

For additional information contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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